

HOUSE No. 2121

By Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont, petition of Anne M. Paulsen and others relative to the establishment of a safe routes to school program by the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Safe Routes to School Program.
- 2 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary:
- 3 (a) The Executive Office of Transportation and Construction
- 4 shall establish and administer a Safe Routes to School Program to
- 5 distribute federal grants under the Safety Set Aside Program (23
- 6 U.S.C. Section 133), as amended, to political subdivisions for pro-
- 7 jects to improve safety in and around school areas. Projects eli-
- 8 gible to receive grants under this program may include (among
- 9 others):
- 10 (1) education programs;
- 11 (2) construction of wide outside lanes to be used as bike routes;
- 12 (3) construction of multi-use trails;
- 13 (4) construction and replacement of sidewalks;
- 14 (5) implementation of traffic-calming programs in neighbor-
- 15 hoods around schools; and
- 16 (6) installation of new crosswalks, bike lanes, and signage
- 17 where appropriate.
- 18 (b) The department, in considering grant proposals under this
- 19 section, shall consider:
- 20 (1) the demonstrated need of the applicant;
- 21 (2) the potential of the proposal to reduce child injuries and
- 22 fatalities;
- 23 (3) the potential of the proposal to encourage walking and bicy-
- 24 cling among students;
- 25 (4) identification of safety hazards;
- 26 (5) identification of current and potential walking and bicycling
- 27 routes to school; and
- 28 (6) support for the projects proposed by local school-based
- 29 associations, traffic engineers, elected officials, law enforcement
- 30 agencies, and school officials.

- 31 (c) The department shall give priority in allocating money
32 received by the department from the federal government under the
33 Hazard Elimination Program (23 U.S.C. Section 152), as
34 amended, to grants under this section.
- 35 (d) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.